(b) to (e) The information in this regard is very extensive and the time and effort required to compile it will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Production of Dexamethasone and its salts

1649. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dexamethasone and its salts are being produced in the country;

(b) if so, what are the names of producers and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the import price of bulk drug is much less than the foreign exchange spent in the production of drug;

(d) if so, what is the current CIF Value per gram of Dexamethasone and its salts and what is the value of foreign exchange involved in the production of each gram; and

(e) when and what was the price fixed for nidigenous production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the organised sector, Dexamethasone is being produced by M/s. Merind and M/s. Cadila Labs. and the production during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 228 Kgs., 343 Kgs., and 472 Kgs respectively.

(c) and (d) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) The price fixed for Dexamethasone pure is Rs. 92 per gram and for Dexamethasone Sodium, Rs. 97 per gram w.e.f. 10-11-1989 for the indigenous production.

Findings of the Kelkar Committee

1650. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of omissions and commissions were found in the findings of the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such omissions and commissions have been identified so far; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken to fix such responsibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A large number of representations for inclusion/exclusion of drugs from price control have been received mostly from Members of Parliament after the announcement of list of price controlled drugs based on Government decisions on the Kelkar Committee recommendations. These are under examination of the Government.

Prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst

1651. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: CHODWHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the prices of five bulk drugs of M/s. Hoechst as fixed by Government under DPCO, 1979 and what were the prices charged for these drugs by virtue of High Court Stay;

(b) whether it is a fact that recoverable amount of over Rs. 100 crores was reduced to merely Rupees three crores;

(c) whether Govenrment have taken any steps to investigate the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?